

Meeting Notes  
Yurok Environmental Monitoring Workgroup  
Conference Call, DPR Headquarters, Sacramento  
Thursday, March 2, 2000

Participants: Bessie Lee, Environmental Program Manager, with Yurok Tribe  
Susan Burdick, Yurok Tribe  
Lori Harder, Yurok Tribe  
Ken Childs, Sr., Yurok Tribe  
Ron Johnson, CSU Humboldt, Art Department

Ex officio: Kean Goh, Department of Pesticide Regulation  
Pam Wofford, Department of Pesticide Regulation  
DeeAn Jones, Department of Pesticide Regulation

The conference call began with all participants announcing their presence on the line. **Pam Wofford** stated that the purpose of the call was to prioritize sampling sites for atrazine backpack applications this spring. She informed the group that we would not be receiving site maps prior to application, which Simpson is not required by law to provide for their ground applications of atrazine. We will be meeting with them to look over their application plans before selecting sites to monitor.

**Pam** reminded the callers that at the last workgroup meeting it was suggested that sampling sites should be prioritized by watersheds which feed into drinking water systems or where numerous people live. Priority should then be given to watersheds where gathering areas are located. **Bessie Lee** stated that the lower reservation's drinking water usually comes from ground water and the upper reservation's drinking source is surface water.

When asked how many sites will be sampled, **Pam** stated that we will sample two sites, for a total of approximately 16 samples. Sampling will be similar to last years monitoring and should be done as close to the application area as possible. **Bessie** suggested that we sample a drinking water system near the application area and again at the intake into the water system. **Susan Burdick** agreed with **Bessie's** suggestion, but also feels that we should prioritize by size of the application area. Professor **Ron Johnson** recommended that we start sampling in areas that have not already been looked at.

Weitchpec, Cappell, and Pecwan are all priority watersheds that feed drinking water systems and can be tested at their intake. **Pam** will speak with Simpson employees and ask about applications in those areas. **Bessie** and **Susan** expressed that there should be a sample site located near the mouth of the river since many tribal members live in that area. The workgroup agreed that the largest applications near drinking water supplies should be a priority.

**Bessie Lee** asked if it would be possible for a workgroup member to accompany DPR personnel

to view maps and assist during sampling. **Lori Harder** volunteered. **Pam** stated that she would talk with Simpson personnel, but it would not be possible for **Lori** to be present during the actual applications. **Ken Childs, Sr.**, stated that he would like the tribe to train someone to sample, and suggested Robley Schwank. **Bessie** stated that he is welcome to join the April 15, 2000 field trip with Simpson Timber.

Lastly, questions were asked about aerial application maps. **Pam** stated that we will be receiving aerial maps and that Simpson will also be giving them to the Del Norte Co. Ag. Commissioner's office. **Pam** will be contacting Simpson about the size of applications and will call **Lori** if it is possible to view the maps.